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RASHTRIYA SAM YOJANA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects undertaken under the Rashtriya Sam Yojana, State-wise;

(b) the details of the works performed under various programmes of the Yojana, state-wise;

(c) whether the Government monitor this Yojana;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are satisfied with the performance of the Yojana; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana initiated in the current year has three components : (i) the Backward Districts Initiative ; (ii) the Special Plan for Bihar ; (iii) the Special Plan for the undivided Kalahandi − Bolangir − Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa.

Under the Backward Districts Initiative, 25 districts have beenidentified on a pilot basis for assistance in the current year which is to be used for schemes which fulfill the main objectives of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana, namely, to address the problems of low agricultural productivity, unemployment and to fill critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure. The State Governments were requested to prepare District Plans for each of the districts. These plans have been received and examined in the Planning Commission and funds have been recommended for release as per the approvals of the Empowered Committee on the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

Under the Special Plan for Bihar, thrust areassuch as power, irrigation, roads, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, etc. have been identified for funding using innovative delivery systems so that the prevailing bottlenecks in these sectors can be overcome and basic infrastructure provided for the future development of the State.

The Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa aims at ameliorating the continuing poverty in these districts through concerted action in identified critical areas which would ensure drought proofing, livelihood support, better health facilities and assistance to disadvantaged groups.

(c) to (f): The Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana has in-built mechanism for monitoring. However, as the District Plans under the Backward Districts Initiative and the projects under the Special Plan for Bihar have been approved recently inthe current year itself, the question of monitoring at this stage does not arise. The monitoring of the Plan for the KBK districts ofOrissa is a continuous process. The Plan was last monitored by the Committee of Secretaries in 2001-02 and the Review and Action Taken Report had been laid in both the Houses of Parliament in the Budget Session 2002.